SANJAY SESHAN

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Education

Carnegie Mellon University (CMU) *Pittsburgh, PA, USA*
Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) student, Electrical and Computer Engineering *Aug. 2025 - Dec. 2030*

Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) *Cambridge, MA, USA*
Bachelor of Science, Course 6-2 Electrical Engineering and Computer Science *Sep. 2021 - May 2025*
GPA: 4.9/5.0

Research Experience

EPFL – Verification and Computer Architecture Lab *Lausanne, Switzerland*
Research Intern, PI: Professor Thomas Bourgeat *May 2024 - Aug. 2024*

- Contributed to development of CPU architecture that simplifies domain-specific accelerator integration and reduces coordination overhead in highly multithreaded systems
- Extended RISC-V ISA to support thread creation, thread termination and inter-thread communication
- Implemented extensions to RISC-V design for "token"-based approach to managing inter-thread communication using Bluespec SystemVerilog HDL
- Verified design using a tandem verification system

Imperial College London – Adaptive Emergent Systems Engineering Group *London, UK*
Research Intern, PI: Professor Julie McCann *Jun. 2023 - Aug. 2023*

- Evaluated sensors and embedded development for maintenance-free monitoring of long-duration freight shipments
- Developed and programmed proof-of concept implementation to demonstrate low-power capabilities
- Designed custom PCB design containing of all desired sensors, CPU, and interfacing chips, which was subsequently printed, assembled and tested with expectations to deploy sensor onto a freight ship in the near future

MIT CSAIL – Computation Structures Group *Cambridge, MA, USA*
Undergraduate Research Assistant, PI: Professor Arvind *Jan. 2023 - May 2024*

- Designed application-specific accelerator for graph pattern mining and graph vector search
- Synthesized accelerator for Xilinx FPGA using Vivado and evaluated correctness and efficiency of implementation
- Evaluated performance of processing in memory (PIM) and parallelization techniques in the implementation

Publications and Presentations

- Hanly, B.[1st], Ospina, L.[1st], **Seshan, S.**[1st], Paul D.J., Niroui, F., Jan. 2024, *Two-dimensional MoS_2 transistors* (Poster), **Microsystems Annual Research Conference (MARC)**

Work & Teaching Experience

MIT Strobe Project Laboratory 6.9030[6.163] Teaching Staff *Cambridge, MA, USA*
Undergraduate Teaching Assistant *Feb. 2025 - May 2025*

MIT Computation Structures 6.1910[6.004] Teaching Staff *Cambridge, MA, USA*
Laboratory Assistant *Sep. 2024 - Dec. 2024*

- Hosted office hours for 300+ students, reviewed assignments before release

MIT Constructive Computer Architecture 6.1920[6.175] Teaching Staff *Cambridge, MA, USA*
Undergraduate Teaching Assistant *Feb. 2024 - May 2024*

- Delivered multiple lectures, developed course materials, held office hours, and supervised final projects for 30 students

Emerald Innovations *Cambridge, MA, USA*
Software Engineering Intern *May 2022 - Aug. 2022*

- Designed algorithm to extract common paths that a single person takes from RF signal measurement
- Implemented algorithm to detect walking changes that could indicate the progression of disease

Technical Skills

- C/C++, Bluespec, SystemVerilog, Python, Embedded systems design and programming (e.g. Zephyr), Cadence simulation and layout, Xilinx FPGA toolchain (vivado)
- Photoshop & DSLR Photography, LaTeX, Machine Learning (pytorch), Signal Processing, PCB Circuit layout & Design (KiCad, Altium), Java, HTML/JS/CSS

Relevant Coursework

- MIT: *6.175* Constructive Computer Architecture, *6.111* Digital System Laboratory (FPGA), *6.012* Nanoelectronics Systems, *6.2080* Semiconductor Electronics, *6.039* Operating Systems Engineering, *6.115* Microcomputer Systems, *6.823* Computer System Architecture, *6.888* Secure Hardware Design

Significant Projects

- **TFT-based Digital Circuits (MIT 6.152):** Built digital circuits for evaluation using Thin Film Transistors
- **PPG sensor (MIT 6.808):** Built custom 3d-printed Arduino-based PPG sensor for heart rate and blood pressure estimation
- **Custom Strobed Ripple Tank (MIT 6.163):** Designed and built a ripple tank using an Arduino-based strobe and wave generator to build a ripple tank to demonstrate the interference patterns of waves in a double-slit experiment .
- **Silicon Differential Amplifier (MIT 6.2080):** Completed layout and tapeout preparation process for CMOS-based differential amplifier in Cadence.
- **Embedded Oscilloscope (MIT 6.115):** Designed and implemented PSoC (programmable system on chip) based oscilloscope, with two analog inputs and one analog output, including full frequency analysis and user customizability.
- **2D MoS$_2$-based Transistors (MIT 6.s059):** Fabricated nano-scale 2D MOSFET-style transistor using MoS$_2$ channels for use in developing logic gates, working from design to physical tapeout. Work was accepted to Microsystems Annual Research Conferences (MARC), Jan. 2024.
- **Multicore RISC-V Implementation (MIT 6.175):** Designed and implemented pipelined, dual-core RISC-V 32-bit processor with shared cache hierarchy in Bluespec SystemVerilog. Synthesized design to work on AWS-based FPGA.

Leadership and Community Activities

- **MIT SPARK/SPLASH Instructor**:
  - Taught Graph Algorithms course to 30 high school students and Gravitation and Electrostatics to 30 middle school students.
- **Maseeh Hall Dorm Executive**:
  - Representative for Spring 2022. Managed a budget of $800 for 100 students.
  - Chair for Campus Preview Weekend (CPW) for the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 school years. Organized dozens of events for almost 1000 MIT admits, introducing them to MIT academics and culture.
  - Chair for REX (Orientation events) Fall 2023. Ran events to introduce the 1100 new First-Years to their new home at MIT, including 150+ to the dorm. Supported students during move-in.
  - Official photographer for several events, including Maseeh formal and boat cruise.
  - Chair for Reservations Spring 2025. Manage room rervations and help with upgrading facilities.
- **K-12 Youth Robotics Volunteer:**
  - Wrote introductory programming lessons for youth robotics students used by 1.5 million.
  - Developed Web-based tournament management system for *FIRST* events with support to manage team submissions, judging, and scoring.
  - Alpha and beta-tested both hardware and software products under NDA for the LEGO Group in Billund, Denmark. Designed three robots for the official LEGO MINDSTORMS App released in 2021.
- **MIT IEEE Eta Kappa Nu (HKN) National Honor Society Tutor**
  - Tutor for MIT 6.002, Circuits and Electronics